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1. KISSINGER TRIP: PRESS COVERAGE, NOW LARGELY
COMMENTARY, OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TRIP TO IRAN,
AFGHANISTAN, AND PAKISTAN CONTINUED IN PORTUGUESE
PRESS. CURRENT TENOR:

-- IRAN: SOME PRESS HAS LINGERED ON IRANIAN SOCIETY
IRRESPECTIVE OF ITS CONNECTION WITH U.S. FOREIGN
POLICY. RESPECTED SOCIALIST EDITOR PAUL REGO, ARGUABLY
THE "GRAND OLD MAN" OF PORTUGUESE JOURNALISM, CHARACTERIZED
IRAN IN AUGUST 10 "A LUTA" AS A NATION "OUT OF THE
ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS, WHERE SOME MEN ARE BORN
TO BE SLAVES AND OTHERS TO BE LORDS..., WHERE
IMMENSE WEALTH, "FAR FROM BEING USED FOR THE BENEFIT
OF ALL," IS SPENT EITHER "ON ARMS MERCHANTS OR NEW
YORK AND LONDON JEWELERS." WHY ARE MORE ARMS BEING
BOUGHT? REGO'S ANSWER: "TO KEEP SUBMISSIVE THOSE
WHO MIGHT HAVE THE WHIM TO NOT RESPECT THE ORDER OF
THE HERD AND COULD DISTURB THE EMPEROR'S DIGESTION."
WHAT MIGHT BE THE RESULTS OF A TRUE DEMOCRACY? REGO'S
ANSWER: "THE SHAH WOULD NOT NEED TO PURCHASE MORE
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EFFICIENT WEAPONS, BUT THEN HE WOULD ALSO NOT COUNT

BY THE THOUSANDS THE VICTIMS OF HIS TYRANNY, NOR WOULD HE NEED TO COMPARE METHODS OF TORTURE. HE WOULD NOT NEED PROTECTION TO THE DEGREE THAT PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE WOULD SERVE AS HIS GUARDIANS." IN OTHER REPORTING, AUGUST 10 "DIARIO DE LISBOA" PUBLISHED LEFTIST IPS (NOT USIA'S IPS) ARTICLE HEADLINED "DR. FRANKENSTEIN'S COMPLICATIONS". INSPIRATION: TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S ALLEGED COMMENT THAT "WITH IRAN THE UNITED STATES IS ACTING LIKE DR. FRANKENSTEIN: WE ARE CREATING A MONSTER THAT SOONER OR LATER WILL CAUSE US GREAT PREOCCUPATION." ANOTHER POINT OF THE ARTICLE WAS THAT IRAN IS A "TYPICAL, ALMOST TEXTBOOK, CASE OF SUBIMPERIALISM..." A COUNTRY THAT SERVES AS "LOCAL EXECUTOR" FOR THE IMPERIALIST POWER. "THAT IS WHY IRAN WAS ARMED TO THE TEETH," IT ADDED.

-- AFGHANISTAN: AUGUST 10 "PRIMEIRO DE JANEIRO" SUMMARIZED WHAT SEEMS TO BE PRESS CONSENSUS AS TO MOTIVATION FOR KISSINGER TRIP TO AFGHANISTAN: THE UNITED STATES IS "PREOCCUPIED BY RISING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE ARMY" AND BY ITS ROLE "IN EXPLOITING IRANIAN AND PAKISTANI INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES."
-- PAKISTAN: AUGUST 10 PRESS TOOK NOTICE OF AMICABILITY OF KISSINGER-BHUTTO FINAL COMMUNIQUE AND STATEMENTS, DESPITE OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES, AS WELL AS OF KISSINGER-SAUVAGNARGUES CONSULTATIONS. ONLY AUGUST 10 "DIARIO POPULAR" INSISTED ON SEEING U.S. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ATOMIC RECYCLING PLANT AS SPURRED BY DESIRE TO COMPETE COMMERCIALLY.

2. U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN: AUGUST 11 "O SEculo"
PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. EMBRACING JIMMY CARTER. ACCOMPANYING CAPTION REPORTED BLACK COMMUNITY'S "MAJORITY SUPPORT" FOR CARTER. "JORNAL NOVO" OF AUGUST 10 BRIEFLY TOUCHED ON ROLE OF LEFTIST PARTIES IN CURRENT ELECTIONS. KEY SENTENCE: "THE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE WHICH THE AMERICAN LEFT WILL HAVE TO OVERCOME, BESIDES A HOSTILE PROPAGANDA MACHINE, IS CERTAINLY THE ANTI-COMMUNIST CLAUSE IN EFFECT IN VARIOUS STATES." ARTICLE REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST WORKERS'

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PARTIES.

3. VIKING: AUGUST 6 MAGAZINE "O SEculo ILUSTRADO"
PUBLISHED COVER STORY OF VIKING MISSIONS; TENOR OF ARTICLE WAS ON EXCITEMENT AND PRIDE OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF A MISSION WHICH WAS UNMARRED BY MISHAPS.
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